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EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT`S VISIT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Egypt recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the discussions held and agreements signed between the two countries during his visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The President of Arab Republic of Egypt, His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Hosny Mubarak, accompanied by Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, paid a State visit to India from 16 to 19 November 2008. President Mubarak was accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, HE. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the Ministers of Trade and Industry, Communication and Information technology, the Minister of Information, other senior officials as well as a large business delegation.

During his visit, President Mubarak called on the President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil. The Vice-President of India, Shri Mohamed Hamid Ansari, the External Affairs Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee and the Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance, Smt. Sonia Gandhi called on President Mubarak. President Mubarak also held delegation-level discussions with the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh on 18th November, 2008. During the visit, the President, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil conferred the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for the year 1995 on His Excellency, President Hosny Mubarak.

During the talks a range of issues of bilateral and multilateral concern were discussed.Both leaders renewed their well-known support for the Middle East peace process. The two sides also agreed to strengthen their cooperation in combating terrorism.

The following documents were signed during the visit :

i. Extradition Treaty between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

ii. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on abolition of visa requirement for holders of diplomatic, special and official/service passports

iii. Memorandum of Understanding between the the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine

iv. Memorandum of Understanding the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes

v. Memorandum of Understanding b the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on trade and technical cooperation

vi. Joint Declaration on the State Visit of President Mubarak from November 16-19, 2008.